

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. By the present Amendment, the specification has been amended to include the priority claim in this case. Claims 1-19 have been deleted without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. New claim 20, directed to a Bt14 protein, has been added. This claim was withdrawn by the Examiner of parent application 09/661,016 in the Restriction Requirement mailed in that case on 14 December 2001 (Paper No. 6). New claims 21-32, which depend from claim 20, have also been added. These new claims derive support from throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, including in particular the paragraph at p. 28, lines 3-16 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

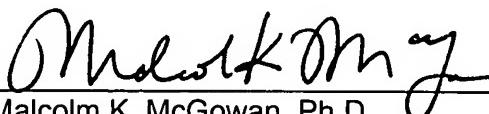
In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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